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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED ON IMMIGRATION CHARGE

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that EDER GONZALES-OROZCO, age 29, of Eastover, South Carolina and Mexico, was sentenced today in federal court in Columbia. GONZALES-OROZCO pled guilty in December to entering the United States illegally after having been previously deported, a violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326. United States District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie of Columbia sentenced GONZALES-OROZCO to time served since October 13, 2011; therefore, he will be turned over to immigration authorities for deportation proceedings.

Evidence presented at the earlier change of plea hearing established that on October 13, 2011, agents went to a residence on Screaming Eagle Road in

Eastover, South Carolina, in an attempt to locate a federal fugitive. While agents did not locate the fugitive at the residence, agents did encounter GONZALES-OROZCO and another individual, HORACIO SANCHEZ-MEDINA, both of whom admitted to being citizens of Mexico and in the United States illegally. Both were arrested on federal immigration charges. Investigation revealed that GONZALES-OROZCO was previously deported in 2004 from California after illegally entering the United States. The other individual also entered a guilty plea to an immigration charge and was sentenced to time served and subjected to deportation proceedings earlier this year.

The case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Stacey D. Haynes of the Columbia office handled the case.

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